Petro Chemical Complex in Visakhapatnam

5602. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the stage at which the petrochemical complex in Visakhapatanam based on NAPTHA of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited, stands at present;

(b) whether any down-stream industries have been identified in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c). M/s. U.B. Petrochemicals has been granted a letter of intent for setting up a cracker complex at Visakhapatanam based on Naphtha from Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. The party has also indentified certain down-stream industries and applied for licence for manufacture of HDPE/LLDPE, PVC, Polypropylene, Caustic Soda and Chlorine.

[*Translation*]

Promotion of SC/ST Officers as Secretary and Additional Secretary

5603. SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the particulars of officers belonging to the backward classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes who were promoted by selection as Secretary and Additional Secretary during the period from December 2, 1989 to November 10, 1990?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): The required information is maintained only in respect of the officers belonging to the Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes. Shri Mata Prasad IAS (UP:62), a member of the Scheduled Caste, is the only officer from these categories who was promoted as Additional Secretary, Ministry of Welfare on 14/7/1990.

Setting up of Industries in Bihar

5604. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gumla and Lohardaga districts of Bihar are 'no industry districts'; and

(b) if so, the scheme of the Government in regard to setting up industries in Gumla and Lohardaga districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF.P.J. KURIEN): (a) No Sir. These are not in the category of 'No Industry Districts'.

(b) Industrialisation of a specific district/area is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned. The central Government supplements their efforts by giving concessions/incentives for entrepreneurs setting up industries in industrially backward districts.

[*English*]

Disciplinary Cases pending in Central Government Offices

5605.SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the PRIME MINISTER pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been made of the cases pending in Central Government offices on disciplinary matters as on June 30, 1990;

(b) if so, the number thereof and the steps proposed to be taken to expedite the disposal of these cases;

(c) whether there is any proposal to

separate the rules on the disciplinary and vigilance cases which at the moment are common to both the categories; and

(d) whether the Government officials assigned with the responsibilities of defending the cases in the Central Administrative Tribunal are paid honorarium; if so, at what rates and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) No Sir.

(b) In view of the reply to part (a) of the question, this does not arise.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Since the Government servants are not assigned the responsibilities of defending the cases in the CAT, the question of paying honorarium does not arise.

Performance of Fertilizers Industry

5606. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have noted the decline in the performance of fertilizers industry; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to improve the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b). There has been no decline in the performance of the fertilizer industry during 1990-91 and in 1991-92 (April to July), as compared to the corresponding period in the previous year, in terms of actual production of fertilizers and average capacity utilisation of the plants.

[*Translation*]

Permission to Increase the Capacity of Sugar Mills in Uttar Pradesh

5607. SHRI RAM NAGINA MISHRA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sugar mills in Uttar Pradesh to which permission has been granted to increase their capacity upto 2,500 tonnes and whether permission has also been granted to the sugar mills of Laxmiganj, Betalpur and Bhatni of Deoria district to increase their capacity upto 2,500 tonnes;

(b) if so, the progress of work thereof;

(c) whether all formalities regarding land etc. have been completed for expansion of Laxmiganj Sugar factory; and

(d) if so, the reasons for delay in increasing its capacity upto 2,500 tonnes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (d). After the issue of the Licensing Policy guidelines for the 7th Plan on 2.1.1987, 54 Letters of Intent have been issued till 31.7.1991 for expansion of capacity of the existing sugar factories upto 2,500 TCD in the State of Uttar Pradesh. These include the Letters of Intent for expansion upto 2500 TCD granted to Laxmiganj, Betalpur and Bhatni sugar factories. However, no report has been received till yet from these three sugar factories regarding the progress in the implementation of their expansion projects.

[*English*]

Broadcast of News Bulletins in Delhi

5608. DR. G.L. KANAUJIA:
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the wave lengths, meter bands and timings of the news bulletins broadcast in different Indian Languages in Delhi; and

(b) the wave lengths and metre bands of the external services broadcast in Indian languages from Delhi and directed towards South East Asia and Africa?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). A statement is attached.